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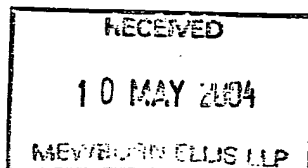
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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.6)
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Claims searched completely :			
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Claim(s) searched completely:
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Claim(s) searched incompletely:
11

Claim(s) not searched:
13

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claims 11 and 13 relate to the second medical use of a product or compound that is defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that it is an antagonist (claim 11) or agonist (claim 13) of angiostatin.

However, in the absence of any indication as to any structural properties required for the compounds to act as antagonists or agonists, said claims are unclear (Art.84 EPC) insofar as there is no limit to the structural variation in the compounds which might act as antagonists or agonists. As such, a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible, as it would require knowing the angiostatin (ant)agonistic activity of all known compounds that are already used in medical treatments.

Consequently, the search for claim 11 has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, namely wherein the antagonist is an antibody specific for either angiostatin or alpha-subunit of ATP synthase (e.g. description, Examples 5,6).

No examples of agonists of angiostatin have been identified in the application. Therefore, no search has been carried out for claim 13.